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No. 1

HOUSTON ENDOWMENT GRANT TO PVAMU

PVAMU President
A. I. Thomas an-
nounced the re-

ceipt of a \$50,000 unrestricted gift
from Houston Endowment Incorporated.

PVAMU, as a state-assisted rather
than state-supported institution,
must depend upon the generosity and
beneficence of staff, friends, alumni
and the private sector for supple-
mental funds to conduct many programs
and activities.

State funds are not provided for
residence halls, the dining hall, the
laundry, medical services, the Memo-
rial Center, student activities, the
College Exchange, parking lots, the
guest house and hotel, athletics,
the band, the choir, cultural activ-
ities, alumni affairs, the college
yearbook, and recreational activ-
ities. All of these activities are
recognized as necessary for the full
and complete development of PVAMU.

The generous gift from Houston
Endowment will enable the University
to provide some of the activities
supportive of a strong academic
program.

We sincerely urge all members of
the PVAMU family to join President
Thomas in saying thanks to Houston
Endowment for this gift. SAY IT OUT
LOUD to Mr. J. H. Creekmore, Houston
Endowment, Inc., Bankers Mortgage
Bldg., Houston, Texas.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR '74 PIPER PROFESSOR NAMED

PVAMU Pres-
ident A. I.
Thomas has
appointed a

broad-based committee to select PVAMU
nominees for the 1974 Piper Professor
Competition.

Mr. C. T. Edwards (School of In-
dustrial Education & Technology) will
serve as chairman. Committee members
are Mr. J. J. Woods, (Agri.), Dr. A.
L. Campbell (English), Dr. G. Wool-
folk (History), Mr. J. R. Phillips
(Engineering), Miss Annie Wilson
(Nursing), Mrs. Ernestine Outley (Ho.
Economics), Dr. Jewel Berry (Biology)
and Dr. Evelyn Thornton (Mathematics).

The Minnie Stevens Piper Founda-
tion will honor ten professors during
the current academic year for out-
standing academic, scientific and
scholarly achievement, and for their
dedication to the teaching profes-
sion. Each professor who is select-
ed will receive a certificate naming
him as "Piper Professor of 1974," and
a cash honorarium of \$1,000.

Nominations to the Piper Founda-
tion are made by all senior colleges
in Texas. Nominees from accredited
institutions are given preference.
Based on enrollment PVAMU is eligi-
ble to submit three nominees, the
maximum number that may be submitted
by any institution.

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PVAMU PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Anne Campbell, Head, Department of English, has been named as a member of a National Commission on Arts and Letters, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Honorary Chairpersons of the Commission are Lena Horne and Leontyne Price. The Commission is designed to develop bold and new ways of supporting Blacks in the Arts and of helping black women move visibly into meaningful expressions of their artistic talents.

PVAMU professors, Albert Hearn, Jr. (Sch. of Ind. Ed.); Rose Knotts (Dept. of Bus.); and Milkiat Sohel (Sch. of Engr.) participated in the 1973 National Urban League Summer Fellowship Program. Mr. Hearn spent the summer with Xerox Corporation; Dr. Knotts was placed with IBM, and Dr. Sohel worked with Bell Laboratories.

Dr. Mattie L. Londow, Head, Department of Physical Education, served as guest speaker for the United Community Services Campaign "Kick-Off" Coffee at Port Arthur, Texas on September 17, 1973. Participating with Dr. Londow were the Executive Director and Campaign Officers of the Port Arthur and South Jefferson County United Community Services.

Bill Orman, Director of the Prairie View Teacher Center was extended an invitation to serve as a member of the Visiting Team to Texas Southern University, Houston, on February 18-

21, 1974, to evaluate the teacher preparation program at this institution. The evaluation visit is in accordance with the state procedure for approval of teacher education programs.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Lorenzo D. Cole of Houston has been named by Governor Briscoe to serve as Executive Director of the new Office of Equal Employment Opportunity.

Since 1968, Cole has been on the staff of the Houston District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: as Equal Employment Investigator, as Acting Deputy and District Director and most recently as Deputy Director of the Houston Office.

Prior to joining the EEOC he was a Senior Fellow and History Instructor at Prairie View A&M University, a teacher and coach in the Brenham Independent School District, and a counselor at the Job Corps Centers in Clearfield, Utah, and San Marcos, Texas.

He received his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Master of Education Degrees from Prairie View A&M.

In announcing Cole's appointment, Governor Briscoe said "this new Equal Employment Opportunity program is going to be a strong continuing program in Texas State Government, and Mr. Cole will have the full support of my office-and my full personal support-as he works our many State agencies in implementing this most important effort."

"The doors to State employment must, and will, be opened to all of the men and women of Texas," the Governor emphasized.

Carl Traylor (B.A., '71, Bus.) a native of Jasper, Texas has joined the Houston Coca-Cola Co., as Special Market Representative. In his new job, Traylor will work within the Sales Department in areas primarily relating to the Black Market.

Prince O. Teal, Jr. (M. '70), is now employed by the U.S. Office of Education, DHEW, Region III, as a Veteran Program Coordinator. Prior to accepting this assignment, he worked as an Office of Education Educational Counselor in Vietnam.

In his new assignment, Teal is responsible for coordination, program review, and staff training of ten (10) OE funded Upward Bound/Talent Search Veterans Projects and 93 Veterans Cost of Instruction Program Projects. In addition, he is the Regional Office of Education Representative for DHEW on both an Inter-Agency and Intra-Agency Vet. Co.

As he works to seek out ways for veterans to enter post-secondary education, he works with financial aid officers, Veterans Administration Officers, College Counselors, project directors, institutional administrative staffs, and state educational agencies in five states: Delaware, Maryland Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Teal offers thanks to PVAMU and especially the Institute to Train

Veterans for the skills he is now using in his new job assignment.

NEW APPOINTMENTS
FOR 73-74 SCHOOL
YEAR

PVAMU President Thomas has announced the following new appointments to administrative positions:

Mr. William H. Chapman, Director of Freshman Studies-English.

Dr. Marion Henry, Acting Athletic Director.

Mr. Earl K. Jones, Head Chemistry Department.

Dr. Edward W. Martin, Head Department of Biology.

Dr. Tillman V. Jackson, Director of the Division of Education.

Mr. Willie E. Taylor, Director of Freshman Studies-Mathematics.

Mr. Hoover Wright as Acting Head Football Coach and Acting Associate Director of Athletics.

PV A&M DAY
PROCLAIMED BY
HOUSTON OFFICIALS

Houston Mayor Louie Welch and the City Council proclaimed Saturday, September 15 as Prairie View A&M University School of Nursing Day. Ceremonies were held at the PV Houston Clinical Center with a representative of the Mayor's Office making the presentation.

USDA COMMENDS
PVAMU AG. STUDENT

Ray Montgomery, sophomore Agriculture major from San Augustine, Texas spent the summer as an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Ser-

vice (Meat and Poultry Inspection Program) at Nashville, Tennessee.

Ray's performance was so commendable that his supervisor, Dr. George A. Martin, sent the following letter to Agriculture Dean J. C. Williams.

"It has been our pleasure to have one of your students, Ray Montgomery worked in our office this summer. It is certainly gratifying to know that we have such fine young men as Ray furthering their education. We certainly appreciate your sharing him with us.

"Ray has moved right into our program and carried his full share of work willingly and effectively. Not only did his work add to the efficiency of our program, but his wonderful personality contribute to making all of our jobs more pleasant.

"Ray is a very unusual young man. His stay in Tennessee, both on the job and off, has been one that any mother, father or instructor would be proud of. He has been a credit to all students as well as to his heritage.

"If at all possible we would like to have Ray back next summer. If not, we recommend him highly to anyone who might be fortunate enough to have his services."

(Piper Nom. Continued)

Announcements of the final candidate will be made around April 1, 1974.

Previous PVAMU staff members honored by the Piper Foundation include Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, Dr. Anne Campbell, Dr. Cedric Stubblefield, Dr. T. P. Dooley, Dr. Earl Lewis.

USDA REP. VISITS
PV CO-OP EXT.
PROGRAM

Mr. Rudolph Pruden
Director of Relations (Extension Service United

States Department of Agriculture) recently participated in a three-day conference with Assistant Director Hoover Carden and other staff members of the PVAMU Cooperative Extension Program to discuss the 1890 Extension Program as projected in Texas.

Emphasis was placed upon the unique techniques and approaches to solving problems encountered by each of the three phases of the program. Each section is geared to providing individual, family-personalized assistance to those people who have not utilized existing Extension educational assistance fully heretofore.

The approach applied is the utilization of non-professional workers who are selected from the ranks of the communities in which they live; possess unique skills in farming, homemaking, and leadership; and are willing to share their competencies.

The Portsmouth, Va. native obtained his Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees from Notre Dame in sociology. His work experience includes: Specialist in Sociology for the Extension Service in New Jersey; Program Leader (4-H Youth) on the national level (Washington, D. C.). Five months ago, he was appointed Director of Relations, Extension Service - United States Department of Agriculture. Currently, Mr. Pruden's primary responsibilities include coordinating relations with 1862 and 1890 land-grant universities and the University of Guam.